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# Election of a member of the International Court of Justice

## Curriculum vitae of the candidate nominated by national groups

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# I. Introduction

The Secretary-General has the honour to submit to the General Assembly and to the Security Council the curriculum vitae of the candidate nominated by the national groups for the election to fill a vacancy in the International Court of Justice caused by the resignation of Judge Gilbert Guillaume (France). The information on the candidate has been circulated in document A/59/682-S/2005/50. The composition of the Court and the voting procedures to be followed in the General Assembly and in the Security Council are contained in a memorandum by the Secretary-General issued as document A/59/683-S/2005/51.

# II. Curriculum vitae of the candidate

## Ronny Abraham (France)

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Born on 5 September 1951 in Alexandria, Egypt.

French nationality.

**Diplomas and other qualifications**

Diplôme d'études supérieures de droit public (Diploma in Advanced Studies in Public Law), University of Paris II, (1973).

Diploma of the Institut d'études politiques of Paris (1973).

Graduate of the Ecole nationale d'administration (1976-78).

**Current position**

Director of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (since October 1998).

**Previous official national positions**

Administrative Tribunal Judge (1978-85 and 1987-88).

Assistant Director of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1986-1987).

Maître des requêtes (1988-2000), then Conseiller d'État (since 2000) at the Council of State.

Government Commissioner within the judicial system (1989-1998).

**Academic positions**

Professor, Institut d'études politiques of Paris (until 1998).

Associate Professor, University of Paris X-Nanterre (1997-2003).

Associate Professor, University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas (public international law, human rights) (since 2004).

**International activities and experience**

As head of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1998, acted as legal adviser to the Government in the areas of general international public law, European Union law, international human rights law, Law of the Sea and laws on the Antarctic.

Since 1998 representative for France in many cases before international and European courts, as follows:

*International Court of Justice*

- Legality of Use of Force (Serbia and Montenegro v. France). Hearings on the request for the indication of provisional measures, 10-12 May 1999 and on preliminary objections, 19-23 April 2004;
- Certain Criminal Proceedings in France (Republic of the Congo v. France). Hearings on the request for the indication of provisional measures, 28 and 29 April 2003;
- Request for an advisory opinion on the legal consequences of the construction of a wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (written statement of the French Republic, 30 January 2004);

*European Court of Human Rights*;

*Court of Justice of the European Communities*;

*International arbitral tribunals* (Tribunal established by France and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the question of the tax situation of pensions paid to retired UNESCO staff members residing in France, award made on 14 January 2003; Tribunal established by the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the French Republic in the case concerning the interpretation and application of the Additional Protocol to the Convention concerning the Protection of the Rhine against Pollution by Chlorides, award made on 12 March 2004).

Member and Chairman of the Committee of Experts for the Improvement of Procedures for the Protection of Human Rights (member 1986-1998; Chairman 1987-2004).

Chairman of the Joint Consultative Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (1994-1998).

Member of the French delegation to the General Assembly of the United Nations (1998-2004).

Chairman of the French delegation to the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly (1998-2004).

Chairman of the French delegation to the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (2002, 2003, 2004).

Chairman of the French delegation in the Working Group on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property.

Head of the French delegation to the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (since 1998), Chairman of the Commission (2002-2003).

**Other activities**

Member of the Board of the Société française pour le droit international.

Member of the European Group of Public Law.

**Publications**

*Works*

*Droit international, droit communautaire et droit français*, Hachette, 1989.

*Articles, notes, communications and arguments*

"Les magistrats des tribunaux administratifs et des cours administratives d'appel", *Revue française de droit administratif* (RFDA), 1988, March-April, No. 2.

"Compétence des juridictions internes pour interpréter un traité international", *Actualité juridique droit administratif*, September 1990, p. 621; *Revue générale de droit international public*, 1990, p. 882.

"L'applicabilité directe de la Convention européene des droits de l'homme devant la juridiction administrative", *Revue universelle des droits de l'homme*, 1991, September, vols. 7-9.

"Les incidences de la Convention européene des droits de l'homme sur le droit constitutionnel et administratif des États parties", *Revue universelle des droits de l'homme*, 1992, vols. 10-11.

Commentary on articles 25 and 46 of the European Convention on Human Rights; "La Convention européene des droits de l'homme", L. E. Pettiti, E. Decaux et P. H. Imbert, eds.

"La réforme du mécanisme de contrôle de la Convention européene des droits de l'homme; le Protocole no 11 à la Convention", *Annuaire français de droit international*, 1994, p. 619.

"Les principes généraux de la protection juridictionnelle administrative en Europe: l'influence des jurisprudences européennes", *Revue européenne de droit public*, vol. 9, no 3, Autumn 1997.

"La notion d'effet direct des traités internationaux devant le Conseil d'État", Recueil Dalloz, 1998, jurisprudence, p. 15.

"Les normes du droit communautaire et du droit international devant le juge administratif français", presented at the symposium of the Société française pour le droit international, held at Bordeaux, Éd. Pedone, Paris, 2000.

"Les procédures incidentes devant la Cour internationale de Justice", presented at a workshop of the School of Law of the University of Rennes I, Éd. Pedone, Paris, 2001.

"La France devant les juridictions européennes", *Pouvoirs*, 2001, No. 96.

"Le rôle du jurisconsulte au Ministère des affaires étrangères", presented at the symposium of the Société française pour le droit international held at Geneva, Éd. Pedone, Paris, 2004.

"Le principe du contradictoire devant les juridictions internationales", presented at the symposium organized by the University of Paris I, Éd. Pedone, 2004.

"Droit des immunités et exigences du procès équitable", presented at a symposium organized by the University of Paris XII, Éd. Pedone, Paris, 2004.

Numerous arguments submitted to the Council of State, published in, inter alia, the *Actualité juridique droit administratif*, the *Revue française de droit administratif*, the *Revue générale de droit international public* and the *Revue critique de droit international privé*.